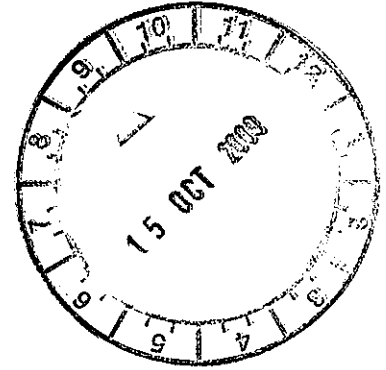


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The Hon Brian Ellis MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000



**PETITION No44 – ROUTE 344 BUS SERVICE –
SOUTH BALLAJURA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Dear Chairman,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a written submission to the Standing Committee regarding the bus service, Route 344.

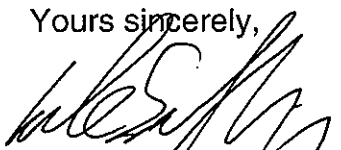
I raised this petition to highlight the unmet needs of the users of the 344 service, in particular the senior citizens club of Ballajura. The Club has a membership of around 80 with some 25 members using public transport to attend the club gatherings on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The Club starts their events from 9am so as to avoid timetable clashes with other users of the South Ballajura Community Centre. Currently the 344 service would allow the users to arrive either at 8.44am or 9.45am. The membership of the club ask that the bus service 344 (DV) which originates at Cromwell Rd / Avila Way (Stop No: 16076) commencing at 8.30am be delayed until 8.45am to arrive around 9.00am at Stop 15932, being the stop nearest to the Community Centre.

In particular it is my view that the Committee should visit the Ballajura Seniors and inquire into the impact of the current services. It would be invaluable for the Committee to make an assessment with due regard to the conditions in Ballajura.

This matter is not the subject of a complaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations, and I would also inform the Committee that the Minister has previously informed me that the review of Route 344 is part of the Public Transport Authority's unfunded service development plan.

I look forward to the results of the Committee's enquiry into this matter.

Yours sincerely,


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